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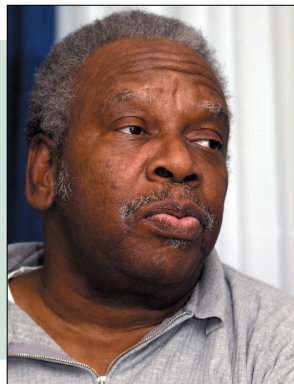
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Q&A

What is your biggest cause of holiday stress?



Winston Crump

Trying to accommodate people. Working here at the Sunrise Lodge during Christmas is rough, because we get visitors who show up without reservations and I don't have a room to give them. It causes me stress.

Moe Polhamus

Time management; with postage deadlines, selecting just the right gifts and getting letters out to Santa, you have to be able to balance everything.



Monika Clayton

Mailing the gifts before the deadlines causes me stress, because I'd like them to arrive for Christmas.

Harold Davis

I'd have to say the cold weather, because I turn blue. My system just doesn't like the cold temperatures.



Rena Stone

Paying off the credit cards and bills after the holidays. I have five children and before Christmas is over the cards are maxed out.

Interviews and photos by Paula J. Guzman

Editorial

Observing Veteran's Day: make it a 'gotta-do'

BY COL. RICHARD G. JUNG
100TH ASG COMMANDER

Like *most* people I get wrapped around the axle of doing the day-to-day things – a lot to do and little time. Doing my part for work, family, and community, forces me to annotate in my organizer/planner all of the “Gotta Do Stuff,” or “GDS.” And like anybody else, the GDS has 99 percent of my focus, consumes 99 percent of my time, and uses 99 percent of my energy.

Today as I was raking leaves for Fall Clean-Up (definitely a GDS), that remaining one percent of focus, time, and energy stirred in me the realization that today is Veterans Day. And that stirring one percent asked me why Veterans Day wasn't in my GDS. My answer is pretty much the same given by *most* people: “My GDS had me so busy that I realized too late that today is Veterans Day.”

I bet that as you're reading this you're asking yourself – how is it that I know that *most* people's GDS kept them from celebrating Veterans Day. The answer is obvious – *most* people didn't attend a Veterans Day ceremony – did you attend?

There's no denying that *most* people were absent this morning, at 9 a.m., when a group of veterans gathered on Graf, at the stone wall in front of the 535th Engineer Battalion, to celebrated Veterans Day. It was obvious that to those veterans, the Veterans Day ceremony is a GDS. But obviously to *most* people it was not.

How was the ceremony conducted? I don't know. And I'm ashamed to admit it but that ceremony was not on my GDS, and so I arrived too late. Not being

there to show support and display kinship gave rise to a powerful sense of remorse within me. As I looked upon that group, dispersing at the end of the ceremony, I asked myself – is this not typical of veterans and Soldiers? How often have *most* people heard that Soldiers are forgotten (by *most* people) until they are needed? And realizing that *most* people know this, why is it that Veteran's Day is not a GDS for *most* people? Where are *most* people? And of course, who are *most* people? It's obvious – *most* people are us.

Our excuses are many, e.g., I didn't want to wake the kids, I'm traveling, it's a day off, or I'm not doing anything. But, in fact, there is one simple answer - Veterans Day was not a GDS for *most* people. Consider this: can such an important day and such an important event fill that one percent of available GDS focus, time, and energy we have remaining?

In my organizer/planner is an entry for Nov. 11, 2004: “Veterans Day ceremony – Graf – 535th stone wall; look for *most* people.”

Veterans Day just became a recurring GDS for me. See you there.



Col. Richard G. Jung

commentary

November holidays prompt hopes of peace

Editor's note: following is the translation of a speech given in honor of the German Veterans' Day by Gerhard Bittner, director of the German Army Civilian Administration in Amberg.

November is the month in which we remember the dead. This is reflected in our calendars by All Souls' Day, Veterans Day and the Sunday in Commemoration of the Dead. This is also reflected in the church year.

Veterans Day, which we celebrate today, is dedicated to the commemoration of the dead of the two World Wars but also to the dead of the war and warlike conflicts that surround us today.

The memory of those of our family members who died in combat during the two World Wars, during air raids, during the flight or during captivity especially comes alive on this particular day.

We remember the dead who did not die at the end of a fulfilled life but had to sacrifice because of a

world which had once again not found another way to establish peace.

58 years ago, one of the greatest catastrophes of our recent history came to an end. Germany lay on the ground beaten; the cities were destroyed and many of our German countrymen were fleeing from their homes.

More than 55 million people – 8 million of them Germans – paid for World War II with their lives. For many of our countrymen, the dying did not start until after the

capitulation, when they were in captivity or during their flight from their homeland.

Even today, we still sympathize with the destiny of the affected families and continue to feel connected to them.

On this quiet November day, we also hold in our thoughts those fellow men who became the victims of political violence and racist autarchy.

We especially think about our German soldiers, the U.S. Soldiers and the soldiers of other nations who gave their lives while performing their duties for peace and freedom during peacemaking and peacekeeping missions.

After 1945, we believed that in our enlightened world, fellow men would never again be threatened by criminal circles who misuse their own religious beliefs as their legitimation for murderous deeds of hitherto unbelievable magnitude.

And yet, reality has caught up with us. Unfortunately, the media

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Gerhard Bittner

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For soldiers, families of
529th Ordnance ...

The wait is over

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"The waiting is the hardest part." More than the words to a song, that phrase could be the motto of every family member who ever counted the months and days until a Soldier's return.

Families of the 529th Ordnance Company spent the last hour of their 10-month wait at Vilseck's Langenbruck Center the night of Nov. 17.

Capt. Jessica Jacobs, rear detachment personnel officer (S-1) for the 18th Corps Support Battalion, was at the podium to welcome the Soldiers home. Over the last half hour before the unit's arrival, Jacobs gave the crowd periodic updates: "The buses are about 20 minutes out."

The gathered families kept up a low hum as they endured the last several minutes of separation. Balloons, banners and U.S. flags large and small were at the ready as small children darted back and forth across the tiled floor.

Mothers chased toddlers or bounced babies, and spouses talked quietly together, excitement, tiredness and nervousness apparent on their faces.

Finally, Jacobs was able to say, "Ladies and gentlemen, we expect 529th's arrival in about five minutes. Please find a seat."

Balloons were raised a bit higher and necks craned expectantly toward the door as the last few minutes ticked off. Then the door opened, and desert-camouflage-clad Soldiers marched in, a snap in their step even with the pillows many of them held after their long trip. They wheeled into formation, and Jacobs opened what would prove to be one of the

briefest ceremonies the Army has ever witnessed.

"This evening, we are formally recognizing the men and women of the 529th Ordnance Company," she said. "The company deployed to Southwest Asia in January, 2003, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. In March of 2003, the company transitioned from peacetime operations to wartime operations, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The company saw service in both Iraq and Kuwait, as it processed over 11,000 short tons of ammunition in support of V Corps."

Units the company supported, Jacobs said, included 1st Armored Division, 3rd Infantry Division, 4th Infantry Division, the 82nd Airborne Division, 101st Airborne/Air Assault Division, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, and 3rd Corps Support Command.

Following the playing of the National Anthem, Chaplain (Maj.) William T. Barbee, 409th Base Support Battalion Chaplains Office, gave a short invocation: "Almighty God, with grateful heart, we give thanks for the safe return of our Soldiers. May they know how proud we are of them. Bless them now with a good rest and a joyful return to our community, and to their loved ones. Amen."

The commander of the 409th Base Support Battalion, Lt. Col. Joseph P. Moore, then opened his remarks by saying, "I hope to set the record for giving you the shortest speech you've ever heard."

To the cheers of the crowd, he continued, "Two things. One: this community missed you a lot while you were gone, and we are glad you're back. Two: everybody here

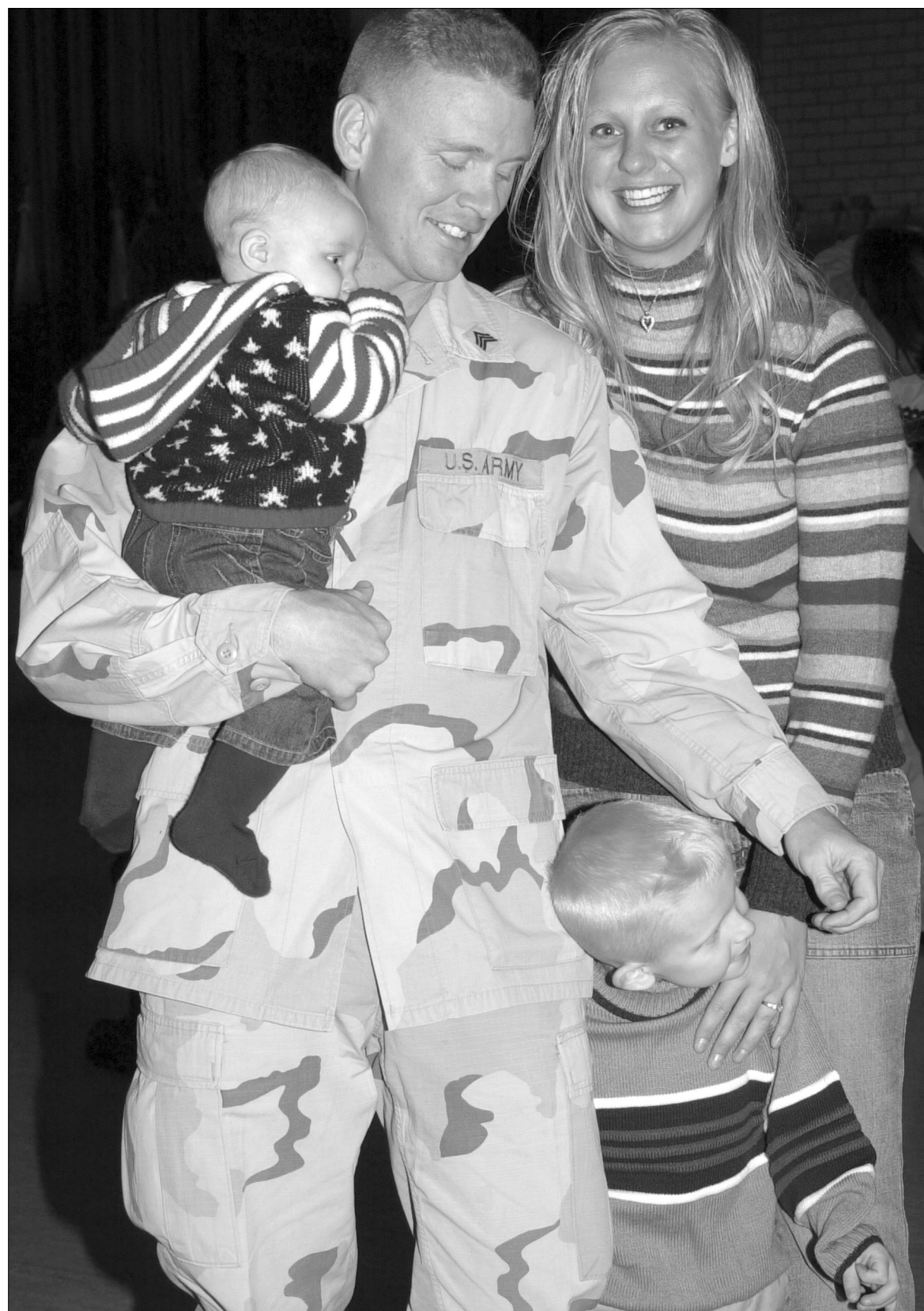


Photo by Karen S. Parrish

Sgt. Tony Allen and his wife Cara, with their children Austin, 4, and Olivia, 6 months, prepare to head home after the 529th Ordnance Company's welcome home ceremony Nov. 17 in Vilseck. Allen's first sight of his daughter was at the ceremony.

couldn't be prouder of you. Let's give these ladies and gentlemen a big hand."

To applause and yells of

approval, Moore gave a salute to the company commander, and the formation was given the command, "Fall out!"

As the family members rose from their chairs and the Soldiers of the 529th broke ranks, the waiting was finally over.

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have to report daily on inhuman war acts. War acts that bring a deeply appalling dimension of war into all of our lives.

The motto of the German War Graves Association which is also manifested in Art. 1, Para. 1 of our Basic Law stating that "the dignity of man is indefeasible" expresses the hope that all people are inclined to live together regardless of their race, skin color and religion. Daily we have to experience that people lose their lives because they became the target of a murderous ideology that disdains everything.

Therefore, we encompass in our remembrance of all the victims of war and violence today also those men and women who had

to die because despite international political endeavors we are unable to stop violent military actions.

Veterans Day, a day that calls for understanding and reconciliation, is more important today than it ever was. The commemoration of joint suffering gives all of us a chance for reflection. A chance also, for our younger generations, to continue to follow undeterred the path of understanding and reconciliation once taken by us.

What we Germans have achieved after World War II with regard to our reconciliation with France and other western European countries, we and all other nations must attempt to achieve together and among each other for the purpose of a

mutual peace.

This is not a task to be achieved in days, weeks or months but a challenge for generations to come.

We should not take for granted the peace that we have enjoyed here in Germany for the past 58 years. On the contrary — we must commit ourselves to it on a daily basis. We have to be vigilant and must stamp out the very sparks of violence. We can only achieve a lasting peace for our children and grandchildren if we start with ourselves and learn to develop an understanding for the sorrows of others and help them solve those problems.

Wars are not an inescapable fate that comes down on mankind. Wars are made by men and are therefore avoidable.

If there is one legacy that the dead have bequeathed to the living, a lasting sense of commemoration, it is this: "The creation, preservation and defense of peace is the highest art of politics." Humane life is only possible in times of peace and freedom. That is our task for today, tomorrow and for all time. Let's hope that the horrible acts of war that haunt us daily will make all peoples close ranks to form an alliance against hatred, violence and terror.

Despite all those horrible incidents, I am confident that the desire will grow for a joint, peaceful future for all peoples, which also includes the future of our nation.

Let's pray and ask that the killing and the hatred between people will come to an end one day.

Graf's Tower Inn 3-time winner of top Army award

BY HEIDI FEDAK
282nd BSB MWR

Grafenwoehr's Tower Inn has done it again.

For the third time in six years, the 84-room hotel has been named Lodging Operation of the Year (LOYA).

Given by Army Lodging, the award recognizes outstanding lodging operations Army-wide. The winners were announced Nov. 5-8 during the Annual Army Lodging Manager's Workshop in New York.

"When they opened the envelope, they said, 'And the winner is ... Tower Inn, Grafenwoehr.' The first couple of seconds, I didn't even know what was going on," said Norma Grice-Koller, general manager of the Tower Inn in Graf and the Kristall Inn in Vilseck.

When she regained her composure, she realized the 28 employees at the Tower Inn had managed a LOYA three-peat. The facility, which competes in the mid-sized category based on its number of rooms,

also won the award in 1998 and 2000.

"We weren't really sure if we were going to make it this year because we had just won in 2000, and this is the first time we've competed since then," Grice-Koller said.

"Winning again means a lot to us. I know we have the best facilities, but still, a lot of other facilities have probably done work in the past two years."

According to LOYA rules, a facility cannot compete again for two years after winning.

The award is based entirely on Army lodging standards. Managers perform a self-evaluation to determine whether their facilities meet those requirements, which cover everything from linens to light bulbs. For example, one of the requirements is to greet each guest through eye contact, a word of welcome or a smile. Facility managers answer either "met" or "not met" for each of the requirements.

"There are many, many, many questions in each category," Grice-Koller said. "You have lodging administration, furnishings

supply management, property maintenance, general facility requirements, exteriors, interiors. There's so many questions just underneath those categories. A lot of people don't know what all is involved in it."

Once the self-assessment is complete, it's sent off to the regional lodging program manager, in this case, Rondale Witcher from Installation Management Agency, Europe region.

The regional manager then scores the evaluations based on which standards the lodge meets and which ones it doesn't. Submissions to the Army-wide competition are based on that score.

"There's no one standard that's more important than the other ones," Witcher said. "You want to meet as many standards as you can. It was Graf's score that pushed them to the top of the nominations. They really believe they should take care of soldiers and their families, and they work really hard to do that."

After the evaluations are received at the Department of the Army level, two-person

teams comprised of a regional lodging manager and an Army lodging representative scout out each of the nominations to see if they actually live up to what's laid out in the assessment.

Graf did just that.

"It was a great feeling," Andrea Mueller, who manages the facility, said of the win. "I wasn't actually surprised, but I didn't expect it, either. We were hoping we were going to win, but you never know."

In addition to the award trophy, the Tower Inn will receive \$5,000, while each employee will get a \$100 bonus.

A victory celebration is set for Nov. 21. Lt. Col. Joseph P. Moore, the 409th BSB commander, will present awards to the employees. A small employee reception will follow.

"What I really, really want to emphasize is that this is not my award," Grice-Koller said. "It's my staff's award. If I would not have the staff that I have, we would not be where we are right now. It's absolutely thanks to my staff."

law talk

Army can't always pay wind-damage claims

GRAFENWOEHR LAW CENTER

Those who live and work in the 100th ASG know that windstorms are a fact of life in the Upper Palatinate. Strong gale-force winds (at least 50 statute miles per hour) are not uncommon here from October through March, with gusts of more than 80 statute miles per hour having been measured in midwinter. While tempests of such feroc-

ity may qualify as "unusual occurrences" under the Army claims regulation, most damage caused by wind is not compensable by the Army claims system. Servicemembers should always carry enough private insurance to protect personal property from unexpected loss.

Unusual Occurrences

The Army claims system may compensate servicemembers for certain losses caused by unusual oc-

currences. The claims regulation defines an unusual occurrence as "a hazard outside the normal risks of day-to-day living and working. Unusual occurrences do not normally result from human error. Two different types of incidents may be considered unusual occurrences: those of an unusual nature, such as a lightning bolt striking and destroying a vehicle; and those of a common nature that occur in an unex-

pected degree of severity, such as a baseball-sized hailstone striking and denting a vehicle."

Loss or damage to property resulting from fire, flood, hurricane, theft, or vandalism is classified as unusual in the claims regulation and may be reimbursable through the claims office. On the other hand, loss or damage caused by hit-and-run collisions and road hazards such as potholes are not considered un-

usual circumstances, and are therefore not compensable.

Only the most serious kinds of wind damage are payable under claims rules. Abrasion or pitting to a vehicle's paint or exterior trim caused by high winds blowing sand or grit is considered ordinary wear and tear. Extraordinary damage to the paint or exterior trim caused on a single occasion, as well as broken or cracked glass caused by debris thrown up by high winds, may be considered an unusual occurrence and payable as a personnel claim.

The regulation does not specify a wind-speed above which every claim for damage must be paid. Instead it requires the local office to find that the wind was of a magnitude unusual for that area before a claim for damage can be considered for payment. As examples of payable wind-damage claims, the regulation says "it is an unusual occurrence for high winds to drive a pebble through a windshield or to roll a dumpster into a parked vehicle."

No Substitute For Insurance

"Hope for the best, prepare for the worst" is a sound rule for all who live in areas subject to violent weather conditions. Adequate insurance coverage is the best means of obtaining compensation for most risks.

If you suffer damage to property that may be compensable by the Army, contact your local claims office promptly. For claims assistance within the 100th Area Support Group, call Grafenwoehr Law Center, DSN 475-8428/civilian (09641) 838 428; Hohenfels Law Center, DSN 466-2401/civilian (09472) 832 401; Vilseck Law Center, DSN 476-2240/civilian (09662) 832 240.

V Corps CSM tapped as new Sergeant Major of the Army

By SGT. 1ST CLASS KEN HUDSON
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BAGHDAD, Iraq – V Corps' command sergeant major has been selected for the highest position an enlisted person can achieve in the U.S. Army – to be the next Sergeant Major of the Army.

Command Sgt. Maj. Kenneth O. Preston will leave Baghdad and his position as the V Corps and Combined Joint Task Force-7 command sergeant major at the end of December, and is scheduled to assume duties as the Army's 13th Sergeant Major of the Army in mid-January.

Chief of Staff of the Army General Peter J. Schoomaker called Preston Nov. 18 to give him the news that he was his number-one choice to replace Sergeant Major of the Army Jack L. Tilley.

"It was a surprise," said Preston, who had gone through an interview process along with several other sergeants major. Going into the interview, Preston said, he assessed himself and felt he was, "a little better than some, and not as good as some of the others."

Preston, a native of Mount Savage, Md., joined the Army as an armor crewmember in 1975. His 28 years of Army service took him through every leadership position in his field, to service as V Corps command sergeant major, and even to the British Royal Armoured Corps Gunnery School, where he served as an instructor.

Like many young men who join the service, Preston says he originally thought he'd leave the Army after his first enlistment to go to college. Now, when he

speaks to noncommissioned officers and junior Soldiers on the subject of retention, he tells them of the positive experiences he had coming up through the ranks.

"The noncommissioned officers and the leaders that I worked for made a very big

development and Soldier and family well-being. He will observe Army training and operations worldwide to listen to Soldier and family member concerns and make recommendations for improvements to Army, Department of Defense and Con-

Preston deployed to Kuwait and later Iraq with V Corps a year ago. He gives credit for coalition successes there to the "Soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines from across the coalition. They've all done a magnificent job of working together," he said.

impression on me," said Preston. "I enjoyed the quality of life that I was able to give to my family, and my family was enjoying the military life," he said.

As he came up through the Army ranks, Preston said, becoming a command sergeant major was not necessarily one of his career goals. "I wanted to be a tank platoon sergeant," he said.

He achieved that goal, serving as platoon sergeant for the crews of four main battle tanks. He says the times he spent in a company or battery with Soldiers were the most special and rewarding of his career.

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As Sergeant Major of the Army, Preston will serve as personal advisor to the Army Chief of Staff on all matters affecting enlisted Soldiers, such as training, NCO

gressional leadership.

"The most important thing that the Sergeant Major of the Army does is, he spends time out with Soldiers (and) understands Soldiers' cares and concerns; understands the hurdles that leaders face in training an army and preparing it for combat," said Preston.

"One of the most important things we can do to preserve our force for the future is to talk with Soldiers," he said. "(Keeping) Soldiers in the Army is all about leadership that cares. The Soldiers (and their families are) not going to want to stay in the Army unless they have caring leadership."

Operation Iraqi Freedom has been a learning experience for everyone involved in it, Preston says, and his tour here gives him fresh viewpoints on Soldier concerns to take along to Washington.

"Our doctrine is very sound, and (so is) what we've done to prepare for this operation. But at the same time, we're always assessing where we are, and where we need to go, and ... where we wish we



**Command Sgt. Maj.
Kenneth O. Preston**

had the additional time to make the Soldiers even better than what they were," he said.

Although Preston has reached the pinnacle of an enlisted Soldier's career, he says that when it's time for him to retire, he wants only to be remembered as a Soldier who really cared for Soldiers, who represented Soldiers, and who always put Soldiers' welfare first.

"If I have one regret in leaving here to be the Sergeant Major of the Army, it's that all the Soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines of all the coalition forces ... that I couldn't take them with me. And my heart and prayers stay here with all those that remain behind," he said.

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Photos by Paula J. Guzman

Left, shift leader Daniel Traywick brushes glaze on chicken wings as the staff of the 1-4 dining facility in Hohenfels is evaluated for the Philip A. Connelly award for Best Large Dining Facility. Above, soldiers line up for competition-caliber chow.

1-4 DFAC cooks up its best for Connelly Competition

IMA-E news release

Cooks at the 100th Area Support Group's 1st Battalion, 4th Infantry Regiment dining facility in Hohenfels put their best food forward as they competed Nov. 14 for the annual Philip A. Connelly Award in the category of Best Large Dining Facility finalist.

The Philip A. Connelly Awards Program was established in March 1968 to promote excellence in Army food service. Competition categories include small dining facility, large dining facility and

active Army field kitchens. Two other categories evaluate Reserve Component units representing the Army National Guard and the Army Reserve.

The Army Center of Excellence, Subsistence, U.S. Army Quartermaster Center and School, plans and coordinates the entire year-round Connelly awards program activities. The first step in the process, in June through August, consists of the nomination of finalist units by the Installation Management Agency and major commands.

In September through December, separate Department of the Army evaluation committees select a winner and runner-up unit in each of the five categories. Evaluators are representatives from the International Food Service Executives Association and the U.S. Army Quartermaster Center and School. All facets of the operation are examined, with the greatest emphasis placed on food quality.

Results of the Hohenfels facility's evaluation will be announced Dec. 15.

Commander, U.S. European Command

Thanksgiving Day is a unique American holiday and custom. Tradition says the Pilgrims, in 1621, celebrated a day of thanks-giving with local Native Americans for the bountiful harvest that nature provided to them during their first year in the New World. Throughout our nation’s history, this day has evolved into the celebration and customs that we enjoy today, which for most Americans means gathering together with family and friends.

Beyond our abundant harvests and the tremendous natural resources with which nature has blessed our nation, we have much for which to be thankful. We enjoy political, economic, and religious freedoms that are a model for the rest of the world. This year, Americans can especially be proud of the continued excel-lence of its military and its successes around the world against the threats to our values and freedoms. And most importantly, Americans are grateful to all of our citizens who voluntarily wear the uniform, especially those who are away from their families on this special holiday.

Diane and I would like to wish all Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, Coast Guardsmen and the Civilians of the European Command and their families a wonderful Thanksgiving. During this festive occasion, please reflect for a moment and give thanks for all of the blessings that we enjoy as citizens of the United States. For those who will not be with family this year, please know that our thoughts are with you and your loved ones during this time and that all Americans are grateful for the sacrifices that

JAMES L. JONES
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100th ASG Dining Facilities
Thanksgiving 2003

DFACs	409th BSB	282nd BSB	1/4 Infantry	3rd BDE
Hours: (Lunch Meal)	11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.	11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.	noon - 3 p.m.	11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
Price:	Standard Meal Rate		\$5.25	
	Family members of E-4 and below		\$4. 55	
Dress:	Members of the chain of command on the serving line will wear dress blues.			
	For all others, civilian casual dress is appropriate.			
Menu:	All DFACS will serve Traditional Thanksgiving Menu (Ham, Turkey, Shrimp) with some additions:			
409th BSB Dfac	282nd BSB DFAC	1-4 Inf DFAC	3rd BDE DFAC	
Shrimp Cocktail	Shrimp Cocktail	Shrimp Cocktail	Shrimp Cocktail	
Baked Ham	Baked Ham	Baked Ham	Baked Ham	
Roast Turkey	Roast Turkey	Roast Turkey	Roast Turkey	
Fried Shrimp	Steamship Round	Cornish Hen	Round of Beef	
Prime Rib	Fried/ Baked Fish	Steamship Round	Roast Duck	
Cornish Hen	Roast Duck	Lobster		
Baked Duck		Prime Rib		
Boiled Lobster		Roast Duck		
Boiled Crab Legs				
Fried Rabbit				
At the Grafenwoehr Dining Facility, meal card holders can go to the front of the line, with no waiting, between noon and 12:30 p.m.				

MPs target seatbelt cynics, drunk drivers over Thanksgiving

ARMY IN EUROPE
OFFICE OF THE PROVOST MARSHAL

The Army in Europe’s “Booze it and Lose It” and “Click It or Ticket” campaigns will be repeated during the Thanksgiving holiday weekend, according to law enforcement officials.

“U.S. Military Police will target drunk driving and ensure seatbelt use compliance on military instal-lations and in housing areas at vari-ous times between November 26 and 30,” said Lt. Col. Carol A. McKinney, Chief of Law Enforcement Operations at the Army in Europe Office of the Provost Mar-shal. “The aim is to prevent the deaths and serious injuries that re-sult from people driving under the influence of alcohol or without seatbelts,” she added.

In addition, the Army in Europe will take part in the national “Click It or Ticket” campaign from Nov.

17 - 30. Military Police will charge POV operators for any vehicle oc-cupant who is not wearing a proper restraining device such as a seatbelt or child’s car seat.

According to the National High-way Traffic Safety Administration, drivers younger than 25 were more likely to drink and drive, and less likely to wear seatbelts, than the national average for all drivers.

McKinney said that of American drivers in Europe, those under 25 were more likely to be apprehended for alcohol-related offenses than any other group.

“I think many young Soldiers underestimate the alcohol strength of the beer and liquor in Europe and pay the price for that miscalcula-tion,” said McKinney.

EB-E will bring changes to AAFES services at Grafenwoehr

100TH ASG PAO

With ongoing Efficient Basing-East construction, services and facilities in Grafenwoehr will continue to be affected.

According to Matt Mennona, general manager of the Grafenwoehr consolidated post exchange, extensive adjustments will be made to Army and Air Force Exchange Service outlets over the next 18 months.

"The Graf PX will be closing based on the

schedule provided by (the Directorate of Public Works)," Mennona said. "We anticipate the dates to be late July or early August. Based on the nonavailability of buildings on Graf... AAFES will move the Power Zone and Bookmark to the PXtra, Bldg. 534."

He said as construction continues, Grafenwoehr AAFES facilities will be consolidated on the south side of the post, and some items will be temporarily unavailable here.

"All clothing will move to Vilseck," he said.

"This will also mean that Toyland next year will only be at Vilseck. Eventually we will need to relocate the Shoppette and Furniture Store as well."

Graf residents and workers can expect some changes in their lunchtime routine too, Mennona said.

"On the food side of the house we anticipate the closure of Colter's," he said. "We have plans to relocate Taco Bell to the Burger King (building), creating a food court concept with BK, Taco Bell and Anthony's."

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Mennona said AAFES will do everything possible to keep customers informed as construction proceeds and changes in facility locations occur.

"The good news is that we will be getting a new PX on Graf, which will be 30 percent larger than Wuerzburg," he said. "There will be limited services on Graf in the short term, but in the long run we will soon have the latest and greatest in Europe!"

Panel will bring teen issues to AFAP

INSTALLATION MANAGEMENT AGENCY,
EUROPE REGION

Heidelberg, GE - The Europe Teen Panel is joining with the Army Family Action Program to present concerns of family member teenagers at the next AFAP Conference.

The ETP serves as a communication link to senior Army leadership. Like the AFAP, it brings issues identified at the grass root level to the forefront to determine what actions at what level can be taken to

assist in resolving concerns.

One youth and one adult advisor from each of the seven Area Support Groups comprise the ETP. They meet quarterly and participate in conference calls to sort through issues they've collected in their areas. A local panel selects their ASG teen representative, while advisors come from local Child and Youth Services (CYS).

Teens interested in becoming an active member of ETP should contact their CYS.



Boy Scouts Troop 261 Christmas Tree Sales

At the ball field by the Grafenwoehr PX

Nov. 29-30, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Dec. 6, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Dec. 7, 13-14, and 20, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information, please call Michael Woods or Johnny Bonar at 475-8332.



Photo by Patty Borass

Hohenfels Girls Scouts get a taste of tea and history at the Hilltop Club Nov. 14.

Girls Scouts take time for tea

HOHENFELS GIRL SCOUTS

The Hohenfels Girl Scouts stepped out in style Friday, Nov. 14th at the Hilltop Club. Nearly 100 Girl Scouts and their parents dressed in their finest for an English Tea Party, held in honor of the American Girl Scouts' founder, Juliette Gordon Low.

The girls, ranging from kindergartners to sixth graders, sipped tea and dined on fine

foods.

Reenactor April Goss dressed in costume and enlightened the girls with facts about Low's life.

For more information about Girl Scouts in Hohenfels, contact Ivonne Santana at 094939-59928, or April Goss at 094939-59279.

The next scheduled event for the Hohenfels Girl Scouts is a Hawaiian luau, set for Jan. 9 at the Hilltop Club.



Photo by SPC Marco Garza, TF 1-63 AR

Help where it's needed

Spc. Bernadette Hartman holds a Kurdish baby for inoculation in a remote village near the city of Altun Kapri in Kirkuk Province, Iraq. Hartman is a 201st Forward Support Battalion medic attached to 1st Infantry Division's Task Force 1-63 Armor, supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom. TF 1-63 AR medical personnel conduct mass inoculation and health screening operations in areas of Iraq that have no other means of medical support.

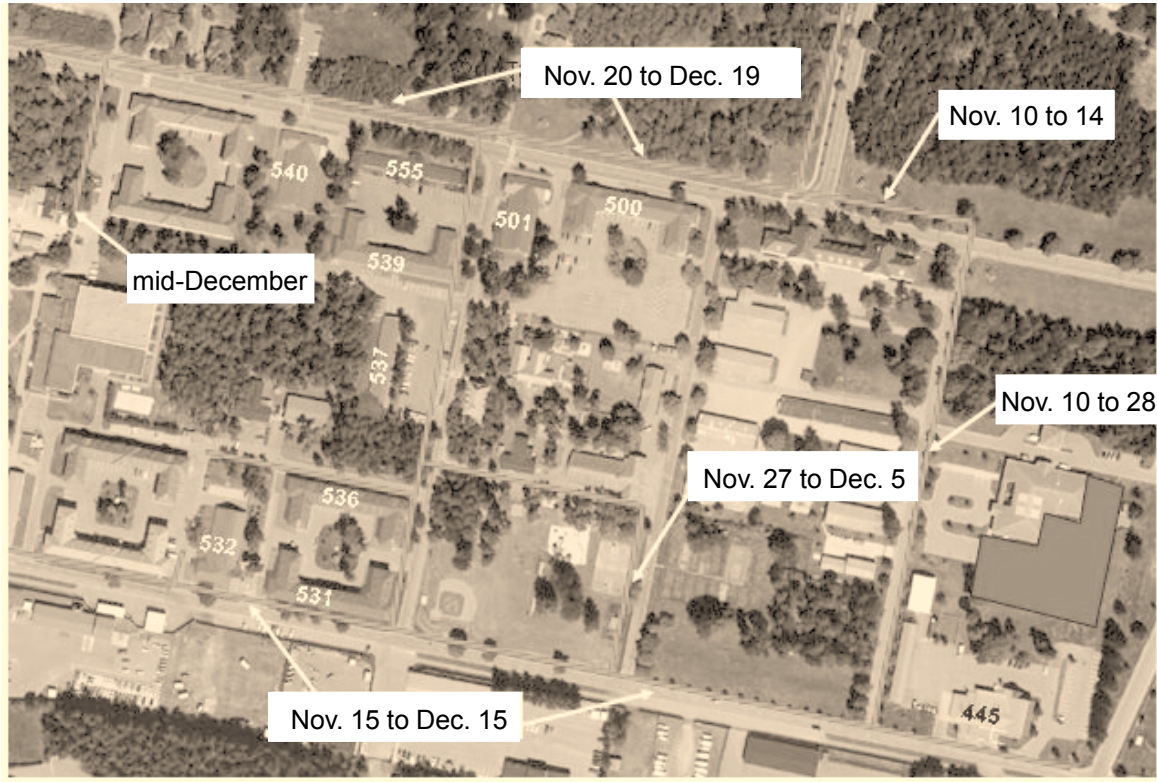
Civilian Employees'
Health Benefits Open Season
Ends Dec. 8 - Give your health plan a check-up!

Construction update

The I3MP project will be placing manholes and cable in the 500 area beginning Nov. 24. Workers will begin by placing the manholes and cable along Gettysburg Ave. and then proceed along the other routes indicated on the slide below. Once the manholes and lines are in, workers will be bringing the cable to each of the buildings in the 500 area. This will

take six to eight weeks to complete, depending on weather and other factors. Workers plan to do any necessary road cuts over the weekends, to cause as little disruption as possible to people on post. The Directorate of Public Works plans to give building occupants at least three days' notice before workers actually enter a building, but

asks occupants of affected buildings to be aware of the possibility of construction in their area. Workers will only need access to one room in each building, and will not be working throughout the inside of the building. Work will also be proceeding along Kelley Street in front of the Medical Clinic and along Saratoga from the Gas Station to Wilbur road.



Hohenfels and Vilseck college nights

With almost 100 colleges and universities represented at their “college nights,” both Hohenfels and Vilseck high schools have brought college recruitment to their home ground. Students as early as 7th grade were checking out what schools had to offer. Being overseas can present an obstacle to Department of Defense Dependent Schools students but this didn’t stop Kendon Johnson, HHS counselor and JD Hopkins, VHS counselor, from putting on an excellent event. Parents got into the action by checking out information for their children as well as for themselves. Thanks to everyone who represented his or her college, and to all of the volunteers from the Keystone Club that helped to set up the events.

Hohenfels teachers shine

The Hohenfels Community Spouse Organization has teamed up with the 282nd Base Support Battalion to recognize outstanding teachers. The teacher of the month will receive a certificate, a commander’s coin, and a gift certificate to a local restaurant. First winners of the award were Lisa Zimmerman and Joyce Dusenberry, both of whom have worked with DoDDS for more 10 years.

Fall Carnival

Oct. 30, Hohenfels Elementary School held its annual Fall Carnival, sponsored by the Parent, Teacher and Student Association. The school was filled with parents and children enjoying activities, food and fun. Teachers and private organizations sold food and hosted games with various prizes. One of the favorite prizes of the evening were the goldfish. The money raised is given back to the teachers to help buy supplies for their rooms. Thanks again to all of the volunteers and the PTSA.

*Information provided by Michele Wolff,
282nd Base Support Battalion school liaison officer*

Warfighter exercise cuts tournament turnout

BY PAUL DRIESSEN
409TH BSB SPORTS & FITNESS

The 100th Area Support Group Invitational Wrestling Championships were battled out Saturday, Nov. 15, at the Hilltop Sports Center in Vilseck.

Command Sgt. Maj. James Van Patten III, ASG command sergeant major, opened the tournament. Chaplain (Maj.) Gordon Furbay, the Deputy 409th BSB Chaplain blessed all with his invocation, Christina Clark sang the National Anthem and the 18th JROTC Battalion, commanded by Cadet 2nd Lt. Amber Cermak presented colors.

The best matches of the day were against two wrestlers in the same weight division who arrived late the night before from Kaiserslautern.

In freestyle, William Taylor prevailed in the gold-medal match winning by pin, while in Greco-Roman, Aridio Peratta won gold via technical superiority (won by 10 points or more).

Darren Oakley of B Co., 1-33 Field Artillery in Bamberg, a former two-time All-Army candidate representing U.S. Army, Europe, schooled his division, passing on some serious experience.

Oakley said he has been focusing more time on coaching lately instead of actually wrestling, but still presented skills that couldn't be challenged.

Hohenfels was only able to support this Commander's Cup event with one soldier, and he had a great outing in freestyle in the 186-pound division. Juan Streater, Jr. won by pinning his only opponent, Torey Anderson of Mannheim, in 4:49, but re-injuring his shoulder prevented him from competing in the Greco-Roman phase. Anderson was unopposed in his Greco match.



Photo by Paula J. Guzman

PFC Stewart Anderson, (top) Headquarters and Headquarters Company 1-63 Armor prepares to pin PFC Jonathan Simons, Vilseck Health Clinic during the 100th Area Support Invitational Wrestling Championships, Nov. 15 at Vilseck's Hilltop Sports Center.

Vilseck also had two young wrestlers in the lightweights. Stewart Anderson of HHC, 1/63 Armor was unopposed in the 132-pound division but chose to get some mat time facing the two wrestlers in the 145-pound division.

Jonathan Simons from the Vilseck Health Clinic saw his first action of the season as well. After their matches with the "teacher",

or Oakley, Anderson faced Simons winning 12-1 in freestyle and 10-0 in Greco-Roman.

Joseph Dewberry, coach of the 409th BSB community wrestling team, was unopposed at the 211-pound division for both freestyle and Greco-Roman, grabbing 20 team points.

When all was said and done, Vilseck won the community championship amassing 58

points, K-town won second with 38 points and Bamberg won third with 36 points.

Dr. (Capt.) Aaron Saguil and medics Kristian Kroll and Nolan Rice provided medical support during the pre-tournament physicals as well as their mat-side throughout the tournament.

Culligan waters provided corporate sponsorship for the event.

Hohenfels make strong showing in junior soccer

BY JERRY MAYHEW
DIRECTOR, HOHENFELS YOUTH SPORTS

The top junior soccer teams in Europe squared off on the fields of Italy Nov. 7-10.

Teams from Hohenfels, Giessen, Landstuhl, Stuttgart, Shape, Vicenza, Wuerzburg, Heidelberg, and Camp Darby traveled to Vicenza to vie for the title of U.S. Army Europe Junior Soccer Champions.

But after four days of intense play, it was Giessen that won, despite a strong showing from the Hohenfels Knights.

Hohenfels tied one team and came from behind to beat another before falling victim to Landstuhl in a head-to-head shoot out.

The championship was divided into two team pools, and a draw was made to determine which teams would be in the pools to play in the top and bottom half of the tournament.

Championship play kicked off with Hohenfels being in pool A with Camp Darby, Heidelberg,

Giessen and Landstuhl.

Hohenfels started its climb to the top on Friday, Nov. 7, against Landstuhl. Hohenfels made it onto the scoreboard first, scoring their first goal within the first five minutes of the game. Seconds later, Landstuhl scored, tying the game at 1-1. With about 10 minutes left in the game, the Hohenfels goalie was out of position, allowing Landstuhl to come down and score a goal, despite Hohenfels' strong defensive stance throughout the game. Looking to make a comeback, Hohenfels made an aggressive charge down the field and tied the game again, 2-2.

When the second half started, Hohenfels was on the move again with aggressive play. Then Landstuhl came to their end of the field to score, but failed. The ball shot off to the outside corner, missing the goal. As the game continued, neither team could find another opportunity to get the ball into the goal. The teams continued to do battle up and down the

field. In the last four minutes of the game, Hohenfels scored to make it 3-2. After the score, one of the Hohenfels players fell to the ground with a cramp in his leg, and Landstuhl took advantage of the situation and came up the field and scored just five seconds after Hohenfels had. That tied the score 3-3. Hohenfels was unable to recover and win the game before time ran out. This gave each team 1 point each.

On Saturday, Nov. 8, Hohenfels faced down Heidelberg. This game was another struggle for both teams because of the rain. Slipping and sliding on the muddy field did not help the situation. During the first half, it was yet another head-to-head, aggressive game, but neither team scored. They were having a hard time even getting the ball to move down the field. With about five minutes to go till the half, Heidelberg was at their end of the field, struggling to get the ball into the goal. With a high kick, the ball sailed in the goal with ease, and

the game became 1-0 to close out the first half.

The second half started with Hohenfels regrouping to come down the field to score two more goals and wear down the Heidelberg team by fighting to keep the ball at their end of the field. This made the score 2-1. Heidelberg came back strong in the last 10 minutes and put in two goals, but was denied the score because of off sides. Off sides was an issue during the game because every time a team was about to score, a team would be off sides and the score would be nullified. Hohenfels got control of the ball, took it up the field to score and put the game away, 3-1. Hohenfels now had 3 points in their favor. Hohenfels was scheduled to play Giessen that afternoon but the bad weather and poor field conditions resulted in all the games being cancelled. Teams that were not able to play were given 2 points each. Two games remained, so Hohenfels received 4 points, boosting their total to 7.

Because Landstuhl and Hohenfels were tied with 7 points each in second place in the Pool A division, a shoot-out was scheduled for 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 9. That morning, both teams gathered to compete head to head. In the first round, both teams shot one, and Hohenfels was up 3-2, when Landstuhl's last player shot their goal and scored to tie the shoot out. It took 10 players from each team to reach the tie. This caused the teams to come into a third and final round. The officials explained to the teams that for the third round, each team had a chance to break the tie and pick the players that would shoot one goal to break the tie for second place. The officials flipped a coin to see who would go first. Landstuhl won the toss and elected to shoot first. Landstuhl shot the first goal and scored with a high corner kick to the upper left hand corner. Hohenfels shot second and missed the inside corner to be eliminated from the championship.

Army increases lodging fee by \$1

Visitors to Army lodging facilities worldwide will see room rates increase \$1 as of Dec. 1, based on direction from the Army Morale, Welfare and Recreation Board of Directors.

The increase is being implemented to assist in accelerating the Lodging Wellness Program, designed to improve the quality of lodging Army-wide.

Gate 1 to close

Grafenwoehr’s Gate 1 will be closed Dec. 1 to 5 for the installation of a drop-arm barrier.

Vilseck CIF closure

Vilseck CIF will be closed 26 Nov. 26 for renovation. For emergencies please call 476-2375/2376.

Text messaging not free

U.S. Army, Europe, officials have determined that many users of government-issued cell phones are using the text messaging option for personal communication, in the belief that such messages are free. There is a charge for messaging, however, and officials remind users of these phones that they are provided for official, duty-related communications only.

Bank hours

Grafenwoehr Community Bank will observe holiday hours on the following days:
Nov. 27, open 9 to 11:30 a.m.
Dec. 24, open 9 to 11:30 a.m.

Dec. 31, open 9 to 11:30 a.m.
Closed: Dec. 25 and 26, Jan. 1, 3 and 6.

CPOC offers guide for managers

The U.S. Army, Europe, Civilian Personnel Operations Center has produced a new guidebook for managers called “Managers/Supervisors Job Kit: Filling Jobs in USAREUR.” This booklet, available online at www.chrma.hqusa.eu, army.mil under “What’s New,” provides managers with instructions on how to effectively recruit and hire qualified employees using the Army’s human resource information system, Resumix.

The guide describes, step-by-step, the process managers or supervisors must undertake to recruit, select and hire new employees.

CPOC encourages all Army supervisors who hire appropriated-fund civilian employees to review the guide before initiating the recruitment process.

Commissary news

‘Select beef’ coming to Europe

Due to the expected rise in beef prices, DeCA Europe has taken steps to provide a less expensive alternative for the holidays. Around Dec. 15, a limited assortment of Select beef items will arrive at your favorite commissary. Watch for tenderloin roasts and steaks, as well as standing rib roasts both with and without bone.

These cuts will be less expensive as USDA Select than in our standard USDA Choice grade. Select is one grade below what we normally feature in DeCA Europe commissaries. It is less marbled, but of equal flavor when compared to the Choice grade.

Scholarship time is here

The Scholarships for Military Children program for 2004 is now open. Go to our website for further information or to www.militaryscholar.org. Applications are due by Feb. 18.

Give to those who go the extra mile

In September 2003, in the largest ‘R&R’ program since the Vietnam War, the Pentagon started giving two weeks’ leave to Soldiers stationed in Iraq. Soldiers on R & R or emergency leave can take military flights to either Germany or to one of three airports in the United States (Baltimore/Washington, Dallas/Fort Worth or Atlanta). The Soldiers then pay the cost of transportation the rest of the way to their U.S. destinations.

Congress is currently trying to allocate funding to help soldiers offset this cost. However, the funding is currently not available and still won’t be sufficient to help Soldiers on emergency leave for the death or illness of a family member.

Since the R&R program took effect, Americans have begun donating their unused frequent flyer miles. To date, more than 8.8 million miles have been donated to help troops travel home and spend quality time with their loved ones, without worrying about the cost.

If you would like to donate your unused frequent flyer miles, go to www.heromiles.org for further information. Click on Airlines Accepting Donations and follow the instructions.

The Training Times
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for each of the Grafenwoehr,
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non-personal services contracts.

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THE MATRIX REVOLUTIONS
Keanu Reeves , Carrie Ann Moss
The rebels' long quest for freedom culminates in a final explosive battle. As the Machine Army wages devastation on Zion, its citizens mount an aggressive defense – but can they stave off the relentless swarm of Sentinels long enough for Neo to harness the full extent of his powers and end the war?
Rated R (Sci-Fi violence, sexuality) 111 min



New York City to find his place in the world and track down his father. But life in the big city is not all sugarplums and candy canes. It's up to Buddy and his simple elf ways to win over his family, realize his destiny, and, ultimately, save Christmas for New York and the world.
Rated PG (rude humor, language) 93 min



armed band of reward seekers.
Rated PG-13 (violence, language and sexual references) 111 min

FREDDY v. JASON
Robert Englund, Ken Kirzinger
Freddy Krueger is in hell – literally. While there he resurrects Jason. Jason is the perfect means for Freddy to once again instill fear on Elm Street, creating a window of opportunity for him to emerge from his purgatory. Recognizing how easily manipulated Jason is, Freddy tricks Jason into journeying to Springwood to start a new reign of terror.
Rated R (pervasive strong horror violence/gore, gruesome images, sexuality, drug use and language) 98 min



average horse named Seabiscuit that achieved the unthinkable.
Rated PG-13 (language, some sexual situations and violent sports-related images) 141 min



ELF
James Caan, Will Ferrell
Buddy, a human raised in the North Pole to be an elf, wreaks havoc in the elf community due to his size. Buddy heads to

S.W.A.T.
Samuel L. Jackson, LL Cool J
After weeks of rigorous physical training, the new team is quickly thrown into action when a notorious drug lord offers a \$100 million reward to anyone who can free him from police custody. While accompanying the drug lord out of Los Angeles into the hands of the Feds, the S.W.A.T. team is pursued by a ruthless and well-

now playing

Movies start at 7 p.m. unless otherwise specified. Movies are subject to change by local theaters. Theaters are closed Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday except where noted. Please call Grafenwoehr Camp Aachen theater for show schedule.

Vilseck, Mike Jurkewicz (09662-83-1790)			Dec. 4	Elf	(PG)
			Dec. 5	?	(PG-13)
			Dec. 6	?	(PG-13)
Nov. 26	Freaky Friday	(PG)	Dec. 7	?	(PG-13)
Nov. 28	Looney Tunes	(PG)	Dec. 8	?	(PG-13)
Nov. 29	S.W.A.T.	(PG-13)	Dec. 9	?	(PG-13)
Nov. 30	Radio	(PG)	Grafenwoehr, Camp Aachen (09641-83-6115) Call for schedule		
Dec. 1	Spy Kids 3-D	(PG)	Grafenwoehr, Tower (09641-83-1790)		
Dec. 2	Seabiscuit	(PG-13)	Nov. 28	The Matrix Revolutions	(R)
Dec. 3	Pirates of Caribbean	(PG-13)	Nov. 29	Freddy vs: Jason	(R)
Dec. 4	Medallion	(PG-13)	Nov. 30	Brother Bear	(G)
Dec. 5	?	(PG-13)	Dec. 3	American Wedding	(R)
Dec. 6	?	(PG-13)	Dec. 4	Brother Bear	(G)
Dec. 7	?	(PG-13)	Dec. 5	?	(PG-13)
Dec. 8	?	(PG-13)	Dec. 6	?	(PG-13)
Dec. 9	?	(PG-13)	Dec. 7	?	(PG-13)
Hohenfels, General Patton (09472-83-1790)			Dec. 8	?	(PG-13)
Nov. 28	Brother Bear	(G)	Dec. 9	?	(PG-13)
Nov. 29	Elf	(PG)			
Nov. 30	Borther Bear	(G)			
Dec. 3	Lara Croft Tomb Raider	(PG-13)			



secret of the medallion and face down the evil Snakehead who wants to use its awesome powers for his own nefarious plans.
Rated PG-13 (action, violence and some double entendre) 90 min

SPY KIDS 3-D: GAME OVER
Antonio Banderas, Carla Gugino
Underage agents Juni and Carmen journey inside the virtual reality world of a cool but crazy video game, where anything is possible, including the impossible. The 'Toymaker,' wants to take over the youth of the world, and Juni and Carmen must battle their way through tougher and tougher levels of a three-dimensional game ingeniously designed to outwit and defeat them.
Rated PG (action sequences and peril) 85 min



LOONEY TUNES: BACK IN ACTION
Steve Martin, Joan Cusack
Fed up with all the attention going to Bugs Bunny, Daffy Duck quits Hollywood, teams up with recently-fired stuntman Bobby Delmont (Fraser) and embarks on a round-the-world adventure. Their mission? Find Bobby's father's missing blue diamond ... and stay one step ahead of Bugs and the studio exec who are on their trail!
Rated PG (some mild language and innuendo) 90 min